



WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

WELLS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, MILL RD,
WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA, NR23 1RF

2019/01

MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 7 January 2019 at 1915 at The Methodist Room

Those Present: Mike Gates (Chairman), Gary Anthony, Roger Arguile, Pauline Catton, Rodney Crafer, Lindsay Dew, Joe Ellison, Tony Ford, Stewart Parnell & Guy Warren

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Press (The Quay & EDP) & 6 Members of the Public

1) Public Forum

A resident asked about the situation regarding a section of land on Waveney Close and recent action taking in clearing the land by Norfolk County Highways.

2) Apologies Ray Hewitt & Campbell MacCallum

3) To receive Declarations of Interest RC item 6.

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2018. Agreed and Signed

5) To receive information about a proposal to establish a seaweed farming operation off the coast of North Norfolk near Wells.

The co-directors of Sustainable Seaweed, Jeff Eneberi and Sahil Shah, addressed councillors and explained that they were exploring the possibility of developing a seaweed farming operation approximately 6 km off the coast of Wells. The seaweed would be processed in a facility based at the Egmere Business Zone and the whole project could create 100 jobs.

6) To consider a consultation document received from Wells United Charities.

The proposals in the consultation document to be considered concerned changes to charities' governance documents.

Resolved – The Town Council supported the proposals.

7) To consider correspondence received from Councillor Sarah Butikofer, Leader of North Norfolk District Council, asking for ideas that would improve either your own community, North Norfolk as a whole, or both.

Resolved – The following suggestions were made.

- That action is taken to bring the unused industrial units on Maryland back into use.
- That changes are made so that the revenue from second homes is used to benefit those communities most affected by the problem.



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8) Reportsa) Safer Neighbourhood Team

Pc Jason Pegden reported that there had been 25 calls to the police during the month and 2 offences of theft, 2 public order offences, 1 dangerous dog offence, 1 malicious communication offence, 2 criminal damage offences and an assault. Norfolk Constabulary was also trying to recruit special constables and other civilian support volunteers to work exclusively in the Wells area.

b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Dr Marie Strong

Councillor Strong informed the council that work on the new roundabout at the top of Beach Road was still scheduled to commence in February, that there had been a short road closure during the holidays on the East Quay due to a water leak and now that the consultation period on the proposed parking restriction changes had finished NCC would collate the responses received, consider any objections and decide on how to proceed; the whole process should take 6 – 8 weeks.

c) North Norfolk District Council

A report was received from Councillor Fitzpatrick; it is available on the website.

d) Town Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that the new 'dogs on lead' signs on the Buttlands had been installed, that the proposal for improved pedestrian access on the Quay had been recommend for consideration by NCC, that there had been graffiti painted on the Skatepark (councillors agreed it should be removed and Pat Weston said he would try his pressure washer) and that there were problems with UK Power Networks connecting the missing streetlamp on High Street.

e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

JE (Buttlands, Staithe Street and Noticeboard) All was well.

LD (Cemetery) A complaint had been received about a person walking a dog in the cemetery.

RA (Tourism & Neighbourhood Plan) The Neighbourhood Plan working party would be meeting with Peter Mitchell from Holkham Estate. RA was in the process of producing the Town Guide for 2019.

GW (Polka Cemetery and Churchyard) NNDC's public toilets had been locked over the holiday period.

9) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement**Payments during the month**

Command Pest Control Ltd	Pest Control Cemetery - rabbits	604.80
Total Gas & Power	Street Lighting electricity	715.19
Anglian Water	East End Allotments	187.96
Clerk to the Council	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00



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9) Cont.**Payments 7 January 2019**

Contractor	Daily Bollard Placement	220.00
Clerk to the Council	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	217.55
Norfolk Pension Fund	Monthly contribution	490.87
Westcotec Ltd	Street Lighting Maintenance	283.04
Veolia Environmental Services	Waste collection Nov & Dec	212.61
Avena Environmental Limited	Confidential Waste	86.26
Wells Community Hospital	Office Rent December	262.50
HM Revenue and Custom	PAYE 3rd Quarter	1821.09
Contractor	Pest Control Allotments (O/N/D)	180.00
Staff	Litter Picking	258.39

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

10) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 4 February 2019.

Meeting ends 2032



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